

# HKCOS Newsletter

## The year 2020 .....

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The year 2020 is a year of challenge to our college and the citizens in Hong Kong. The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Hong Kong was diagnosed on January 23rd 2020. Up till September 30th 2020, there were a total of 5080 confirmed cases in Hong Kong. From February onwards, all face-to-face academic meetings of our college were cancelled.

Despite of these challenges, fellowship training and post-fellowship educational activities are continued in the form of online teaching. From February to September, the College hosted a total of twenty-nine online inter-hospital meetings, forty-six online clinical tutorials, two online specialty days, two online webinars and one online whole-day symposium. The average number of participants ranged from 342 in our weekly inter-hospital meeting to 465 in our online whole-day symposium, adding up to a total of 12,417 participations of online educational activities in the past eight months.



Multiple online meetings were held among our college, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and member colleges of the Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges. After discussion and negotiation, it was agreed that the colleges should execute flexibility in training at the pandemic of COVID-19. These measures include (i) allowing temporary interruption of training for both basic surgical trainee and higher orthopaedic trainee to facilitate their deployment to COVID-19 services without affecting the normal training schedule; (ii) provisional granting of higher orthopaedic trainee status to those basic surgical trainee who passed the HKICBSC Membership examinations Part 1 and 2, and completed 2 years of basic surgical training by the end of June 2020.

## PROFESSOR JCY LEONG IS ELECTED AS THE HONORARY FELLOW OF HKAM. CONGRATULATIONS!

I am happy to inform you that Professor JCY Leong was elected as the the Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in the 298th Council Meeting of the HKAM. The HKAM Council voted unanimously during the meeting that night. Professor Leong would be conferred at the Annual Fellowship Conferment Ceremony of HKAM scheduled for December 18th 2020. Congratulations, Professor Leong!

The Hong Kong College of  
Orthopaedic Surgeons



4th HKCOS  
Medical  
Education Forum

December 19th 2020

8:30 am - 10:15 am

Function Room 1, 2/F,  
Hong Kong Academy of  
Medicine Building.



HKCOS Annual  
General Meeting

December 19th 2020

10:15 am - 11:00 am

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Hong Kong Academy of  
Medicine Building.

To protect the members of the College by minimising unnecessary social gathering, the 2020 HKCOS Fellowship Conferment Ceremony and Annual Dinner, and the 15th Rehabilitation Symposium cum 7th Sir Harry Fang Oration were postponed to 2021.

On the other hand, essential activities of the College are continued with close observation of infection control measures.

Two rounds of higher orthopaedic trainee selection interviews were held in May and June 2020 respectively. A total of 23 higher orthopaedic trainee, including 7 trainee receiving provisional granting of HOT status, joined the higher orthopaedic training of our college in July 2020.

The Preparatory Course for HKCOS Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Orthopaedic Surgery was held on 10-14 Aug 2020. The clinical component was omitted. Overseas and local examiners jointly participated in mock vivas via an online platform and in person at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine building, taking universal precautions with health declarations.



The Joint Fellowship Examination in Orthopaedic Surgery 2020 is held in October this year. With the effort of our Chief examiner (Professor Patrick Yung), the two censors (Dr. YK Chan and Dr. CH Yan), our local examiners and the medical team of Prince of Wales Hospital, we are able to conduct our fellowship examination with modification. All the essential components of our exit examination (i.e. written examination, clinical examination with patients, and viva examinations) are preserved. With the inputs from the RCSEd, improvement in the formats of the examination are made. These include the first all-MCQ written examination, the examination assessor system and the introduction of assessment of consent taking in the clinical examination.

The HKCOS Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Subspecialty exit assessment will be held on October 16th 2020.

The 4th HKCOS Medical Education Forum and the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the HKCOS will be held in Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building on December 19th 2020. Options of face-to-face meeting and online ZOOM meeting are available to the participants.

## ACADEMIC DRESS

The form of academic robes worn by fellows and officers of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons follow traditions which can be traced back to the ecclesiastical robes of mediaeval Europe, when dress often symbolized the rank and profession of the wearer. For further details, please visit the college's website at [http://www.hkcoss.org.hk/aboutus\\_academic\\_dress.asp](http://www.hkcoss.org.hk/aboutus_academic_dress.asp)

